(d) if so, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether any mechanism would be worked out to ensure that the decisions of the Department of Telecommunications are implemented by BSNL without any loss of time; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has expressed concern over the decline in Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) of BSNL. The decline in AGR has been due to delay in roll out of BSNL's Mobile Network.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

Health hazards by mobile tower

1108. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether installation of mobile base station (mobile tower) and its functioning causes any health hazards to the people residing nearby;

(b) whether some guidelines pertaining to installation of Base Station by mobile service providers with a view to avoid any potential risk to structural safety and to health and safety of public at large have been framed; and

(c) whether Government intends to put ban on the installation of mobile station at the top of the house and allow them to install these towers in an open space so as to remove any risk to health and safety from the minds of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The latest fact sheet No. 304 of May, 2006, of World Health Organisation (WHO) states that from all evidence accumulated so far, no adverse short or long-term health effects have been shown to occur from the RF signals produced by the base stations. Further, a committee was setup under the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers and related aspects. The Committee has studied the effects and concluded that 'overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations'.

(b) and (c) For installation of base Stations by mobile service providers with a view to avoid any potential risk to structural safety, they have to follow the applicable byelaws, rules and regulations of Local Bodies such Municipal Corporation/Gram Panchayat etc.

Software station in Bangalore

1109. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China wanted to set up software station in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision Government has taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such proposal of the Department of Information Technology (DIT). DIT deals with the matter relating to Software Technology Parks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Do-Not-Call registry scheme

1110. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the efficacy of the Do-Not-Call registry scheme launched a year ago, to save telephone subscribers from unwanted calls by telemarketeers;

(b) whether the working group of RBI has opined that it might not be advisable to ban all telemarketing calls as a large number of people are in favour of receiving such calls;

(c) whether in total negation of the purpose of Do-Not-Call registry scheme Government has now come forward with Do-Call registry; and

(d) if so, the rationale behind such a step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, in the last one year of operation of National Do-Not-Call (NDNC) registry, there has been a significant reduction in the number of telemarketing calls to the registered subscribers of NDNC registry.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the "Report of the Working Group on Regulatory Mechanism for Cards" of RBI, it has been opined that....." it may not be advisable to ban all call by telephone/cellphone for the purpose of marketing, since this is an important marketing tool and number of people (both existing and potential customers) are in favour of receiving calls regarding new products/information update on existing products, for the members of the public who do not wish to receive such calls a mechanism has to be introduced to protect their privacy".

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

National integrated directory enquiry service

1111. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: